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Mr. Bob Cummings 1060 Laurel Way Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Cummings:

We have been studying with interest the proposals put forward in your letter of 2 September 1959.

Frankly, I am in a difficult position with regard to the proposal, as up to the present time I have consistently declined to give any approval or sponsorship for TV or radio programs dealing with the Agency's activities and I am afraid that I will have to follow the same course in this particular case.

Naturally, the existence of the CIA is known and its various functions and there is no prohibition against mentioning it as the press does, even more frequently than I might wish. However, this is a free country and by and large the press and other media of publicity have in general been very understanding of our problems, which places us in a somewhat different situation than the Air National Guard and other more public and publicized organizations.

I know of the serious and effective character of your work and should welcome the opportunity of seeing you, if you should be in Washington.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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